

Navy Case No. 82,627

Preliminary Amendment in reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 7, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Louis F. Aprigliano et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In view of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 7, 2004, the Preliminary Amendment previously filed April 4, 2004 is being replaced herewith so as to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 as stated in the Final Office action mailed July 30, 2002.

Amendment to the Claim is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 3 of this paper.